

**BRIGADIER GENERAL P.J. ATKINSON**  
**Deputy Commanding General (Canada)**  
**III Armored Corps and Fort Hood**  
**Fort Hood, Texas**

Brig. Gen. P.J. Atkinson is the current Deputy Commanding General (Canada) for III Armored Corps and Fort Hood – headquartered at Fort Hood in Central Texas.

General Atkinson joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1977 and graduated from the Royal Military College in 1981. He has commanded at the troop, squadron and regimental level with The Royal Canadian Dragoons in Gagetown, Germany and Petawawa. He served on an exchange with the 1st Armoured Regiment in Australia and with the United Nations in Cyprus. He also commanded Canadian Forces Base Kingston, 2 Area Support Group in Ontario and a Task Force in Bosnia Herzegovina with the NATO Stabilization Force.

He has served on the staffs of Force Mobile Command Headquarters as the staff officer operations, in UNPROFOR Headquarters as the Military Assistant to the Deputy Force Commander, at National Defence Headquarters as the Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff and as the Special Advisor to the Chief of the Defence Staff.

He is a graduate of the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College, the Canadian Forces College and the United States Army War College where he also served on the faculty teaching National Security Policy and Strategy.

Brig. Gen. P.J. Atkinson was appointed Director General Operations, Strategic Joint Staff at NDHQ in the summer of 2007. He assumed his present position with III Corps at Fort Hood in Central Texas on July 15, 2008.



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